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## NANKING FORCES IN RETREAT.

## WUHAN MAKING DRIVE IN KIANGSI.

## FATE OF LI CHAI-SUM TO BE DECIDED.

## CANTON WAR PLANS.

Except in certain sectors where the Wuhan forces have achieved success by taking the initiative and striking the first blow, the war between Nanking and Hankow has not yet developed on a wide scale. Heavy fighting is going on in Kiangsi and the Central Government's forces are in slow retreat.

The rumours of the shooting of Marshal Li Chai-sum are denied officially, but with Li Chung-yan and Pei Chung-hsi, the Canton leader has been "excommunicated" from the Kuomintang, and the matter of "punishment" is being left to the Supervisory Committee.

### Severe Fighting.

Nanking, Mar. 27. Nationalist military headquarters have been moved to Kluiklung in order to facilitate the prosecution of the war against Wuhan.

Severe fighting continues on the Hunan-Kiangsi border and the Nanking forces have sustained a series of severe set-backs. They are retreating before the Kwangsi troops, in spite of the fact that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has been hurrying reinforcements to the area.

It is thought that the Kwangsi Party are making a drive through in an attempt to capture Kluiklung, and military circles think they may succeed unless the Central Government's forces are speedily reinforced.

### The Kwangsi Part.

It is also planned to attack Kiangsi from two directions, the Hunan forces from the west and the Kwangtung and Kwangsi armies from the south.

The Hankow forces in Hupeh will maintain a non-aggressive policy for the time being, being content to consolidate their defences against Chiang Kai-shek's attack.

Severe fighting continues in the region of Yingtahan and Lutienhsien.

### Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

The Moderate Wing of the Kuomintang are seriously concerned regarding the safety of Marshal Li Chai-sum, and Chang Ching-kang, Tsai Yuan-pel and Li Shih-steng have arrived in Shanghai to discuss the matter with their supporters.

A vigilant watch is being maintained over Marshal Li at Tangshan, all Chinese entering or leaving the city being subjected to a close scrutiny by armed guards.

Two other military officials, alleged to be attached to the Fourth Army Corps at Hankow, were arrested on their way to Shanghai on board a vessel passing through Nanking.

### Chefoo Pays Up.

Chefoo, Mar. 28.

General Chang Chung-chang, the Shantung "rebel," entered Chefoo last night after arranging with the delegates of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the payment of \$200,000 as a guarantee of peaceful entry.

It is reported that the capture of Chefoo was effected by General Chu Yu-pu, Chang's right-hand man, who encircled Chefoo towards Menlou. He is continuing the campaign in the hope of cutting off Liu Chien-nien's retreat.

### Liu To Fight.

Liu Chien-nien is reported to have halted the retreat at Shinkiatan, eight miles east of Chefoo, and intends to resist the enemy.

It is estimated that 3,000 of Chang Chung-chang's troops passed through the city yesterday afternoon. They are taking over Liu's former barracks three miles to the east of Chefoo.

Chang's troops are flying a flag coloured blue, comprising a black border and a yellow cross, discoloured black, red, blue and white.

### Camton Plans.

Canton, Mar. 28.

General Li Chung-yan and General Wang-hung left Canton yesterday for Wuchow. Important military meetings were held there last

## SHANGHAI COURT BOYCOTT.

## JUDGES LIKENED TO COMMON LABOURERS.

## STRONG CRITICISM.

Shanghai, Mar. 28. Mr. S. Fessenden, Director-General of the Shanghai Municipality, interviewed in regard to the boycotting of Mr. Van den Berg, the Senior Consul's Deputy in the Provisional Court, by the Chinese Judges, said it might conceivably affect peace and order and become a serious matter to the community.

He criticized the action of the Judges, who, instead of using diplomatic methods, resorted to unbecoming strike-tactics, like common labourers.

The boycott of Mr. Van den Berg, he said, was a carefully-laid scheme to oust the other Deputies, with a view to diverting the Municipality of all authority.

It will be recalled that when the boycott was first disclosed, by Judge Kuh, referring to sit with Mr. Van den Berg, Mr. Bryan, the advocate of the Municipal Council, entered a vigorous protest, contending that it was a reprehensible precedent of politics being allowed to interfere with the course of justice.—Our Own Correspondent.

## OPENING OF INDIAN AIR SERVICE.

## SIR SAMUEL HOARE TO MAKE TRIP.

London, Mar. 27.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, has arranged to take advantage of the Easter recess to travel by the new Indian air service, leaving London on Saturday, March 30th in order to examine various questions connected with the working of the Mediterranean stages of the route.

From Egypt, he will make a flight of a few days' duration to Sudan in a service aircraft with a view to inspecting, as far south as time permits, the projected route for the new service which will connect London with Capetown.

He will return to London from Egypt by the Imperial Airways homeward service in time for the reassembly of Parliament.—British Wireless.

## AMERICAN ASIATIC FLEET.

## SUCCESSOR TO REAR- ADMIRAL MARK BRISTOL.

Washington, Mar. 27.

Rear-Admiral Charles Butler McVay has been appointed to the Command of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, in succession to Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol.—Reuter's American Service.

The new Commander-in-Chief was born in 1868 and graduated at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1890. He served on the Amphitrite in the Spanish-American War, and was Chief-of-Staff with the Asiatic Fleet from 1912-14.]

## SHANGHAI STREET SHOOTINGS.

## SAID TO BE DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS.

Shanghai, Mar. 28.

The Foreign Affairs Commission has protested against the police shooting at despoilers in congested streets of the Settlement.

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## WAS PARTNERSHIP FAKED?

## BANKRUPTCY CASE SUGGESTION.

## DEBTOR REPRIMANDED FOR "FENCING."

## ALIAS ADMITTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 28. An allegation that the partnership had been "faked" for the purposes of the bankruptcy was made to the managing partner of the Kwong Tung Wo Wo Kee timber firm, in bankruptcy, when he was publicly examined by Mr. E. L. Agassiz, the Official Receiver, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Bankruptcy Court this morning.

The debtor, Ng Cheuk-san, was reprimanded by his Lordship for "fencing" when he denied that the first name in a book was his, but admitted that it was his alias.

Relying to Mr. Agassiz, Ng Cheuk-san said he started the business over ten years ago and had been the managing partner ever since. He obtained the partners and got them to put his name into it.

Debtor was shown a book which he described as a partnership book which was entered up when the firm started.

Very Clean Book.

Mr. Agassiz pointed out that it was a very clean book after ten years' service, and debtor replied that it was kept locked up in the safe and was never taken out.

Mr. Agassiz said that when his clerk visited the premises he found the book lying about the place.

Debtor said he could not explain that. He continued that the names of the partners were entered up by Ng Wo-kee. There were 12 partners altogether and he (debtor) was the only one now in Hongkong.

When Mr. Agassiz suggested that all the partners had gone to the country, debtor stated that several remained on the premises until they were attached.

Mr. Agassiz:—All the names of the men appearing in this book are men of straw, with no money?

Several of them are dead.

They left no money, did they?

Some went to Shanghai and some died in America.

Worthless Shares.

Did any of them leave any money?—They only left shares.

Which are worthless?—Yes.

Relying to other questions, debtor said that during the firm's ten years of business they had carried on a good average business.

Mr. Agassiz asked debtor if he did not think it curious that, in view of the business, the partners were without money, to which debtor replied that several of them were in Shanghai and their firms there had closed down.

Mr. Agassiz produced another book, which debtor described as a "useless" book which is thrown about anywhere.

Mr. Agassiz remarked it was all the more useless because the front page was missing.

Debtor said it was not a partnership book. He agreed that his name was the first one recorded in the first book, but he did not agree that his name was also the first name in the second book. He read out the first name and agreed with Mr. Agassiz that the name was his (debtor's) alias.

Mustn't "Fence."

Mr. Agassiz then told the debtor not to be fussy, and his Lordship said debtor must not "fence" with Mr. Agassiz.

Although Mr. Agassiz reminded debtor that he was on oath, he said that the book did not include the names of several prominent and wealthy men in Hongkong. It appeared, however, that a mistake was made in the interpretation, the word "partners" having been used instead of "people," and when the question was put again, debtor agreed.

Mr. Agassiz read out the following names as being in the book:—Ng Tze-hon, No. 73, Bonham Strand West; Ng Yu-ting, No. 90 Bonham Strand East; and Ng Sut-chi, alias Ng Wo-kee.

Mr. Agassiz:—I put it to you that the second book is the partnership book of the firm and that the other has been made by some

other person.

## TSINAN AGREEMENT.

## PLENIPOTENTIARIES SIGN AT NANKING.

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## JUNK RUN DOWN BY STEAMER.

## FISHING CRAFT LEFT TO ITS FATE.

## CREW ALL RESCUED.

An allegation that, after a mishap, the steamer left a junk to her fate, is contained in a report which the master of a local fishing junk made to the police in regard to a collision between his boat and an unidentified steamer, outside the harbour yesterday.

Cheung Kau, who is the master of fishing boat No. 7044, states that he was returning to the Colony from the fishing grounds yesterday. About 4 p.m. he was left becalmed by Waglan and unable to make much progress on account of the entire absence of wind.

Consequently, he was unable to get out of the way when a steamer approached from the direction of the harbour. It bore down on the junk and rammed her amidships.

The boat commenced to take in water and eventually sank, throwing all the occupants into the water. The steamer continued on its way, but fortunately another fishing junk which was in the vicinity

rescued the crew.

Second Donation from the  
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£600 NOW SENT.

We are pleased to-day to announce further donations to the Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families.

To-day's contributions include a second donation from members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, this being for £27.50, making the total amount received from this Club £122.50. Our thanks are due to members for their kindly gift.

We have also received a sum of \$10 from "E.W.D." of Foochow, this providing a further indication of the interest being shown in the Fund by British miners in outports.

The total sum now received by the Telegraph is \$6,203.50.

We have to-day cabled a further £50 to the headquarters of the Fund, bringing the total so far despatched to over £600.

Earlier reports of the slump were as follows:

Hundreds of brokers, page boys and order clerks on the floor of the Stock Exchange raised loud cheer of relief yesterday afternoon when the President's gong sounded, closing one of the most hectic days which many of them had ever witnessed.

Eight million shares changed hands in one of the most riotous sessions in history, in which the money rate was raised to 20 per cent.

Prices of scores of issues broke from five to thirty-five dollars a share, with the tickers over two hours late at the close. The break was even worse than the bad one the previous day, if only because a morning rally was confidently expected.

Prices fell steadily all day long, and one after another stocks cracked wide open. All over the country, in thousands of brokerage offices, groups of speculators who a week ago were exulting over profits stood silently converging, and watching prices melt like wax in the heat of liquidation.

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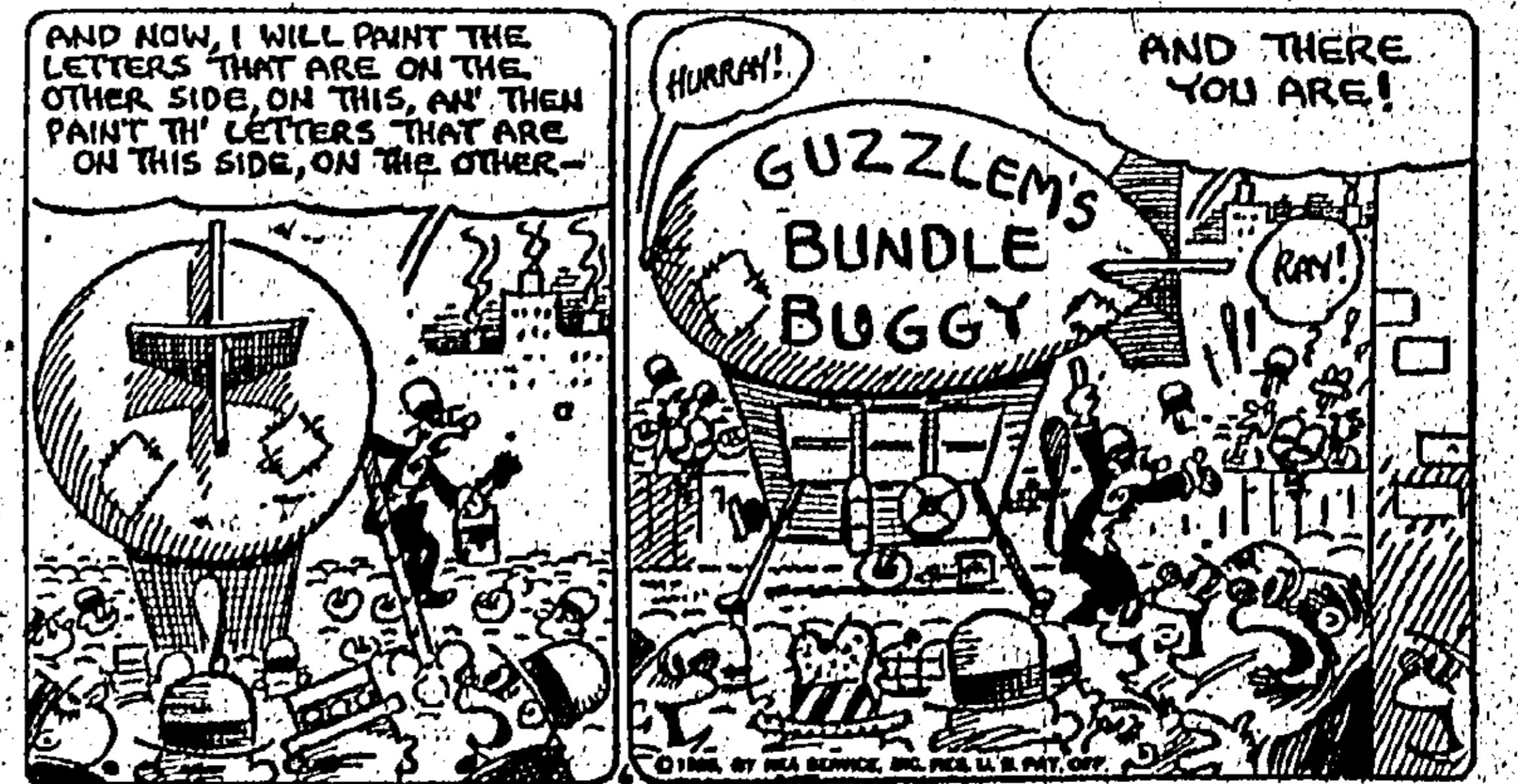


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AND NOW, I WILL PAINT THE LETTERS THAT ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE, ON THIS, AND THEN PAINT TH' LETTERS THAT ARE ON THIS SIDE, ON THE OTHER—



By Small

and thought they should be separated from the lavatories and servants' quarters.

## Fire Brigade Work.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, next

gave evidence. He stated that a call from the Hongkong Hotel fire alarm was received on March 11 at 8.06 a.m. and No. 8 motor pump in charge of one sub-officer and seven Chinese firemen left the

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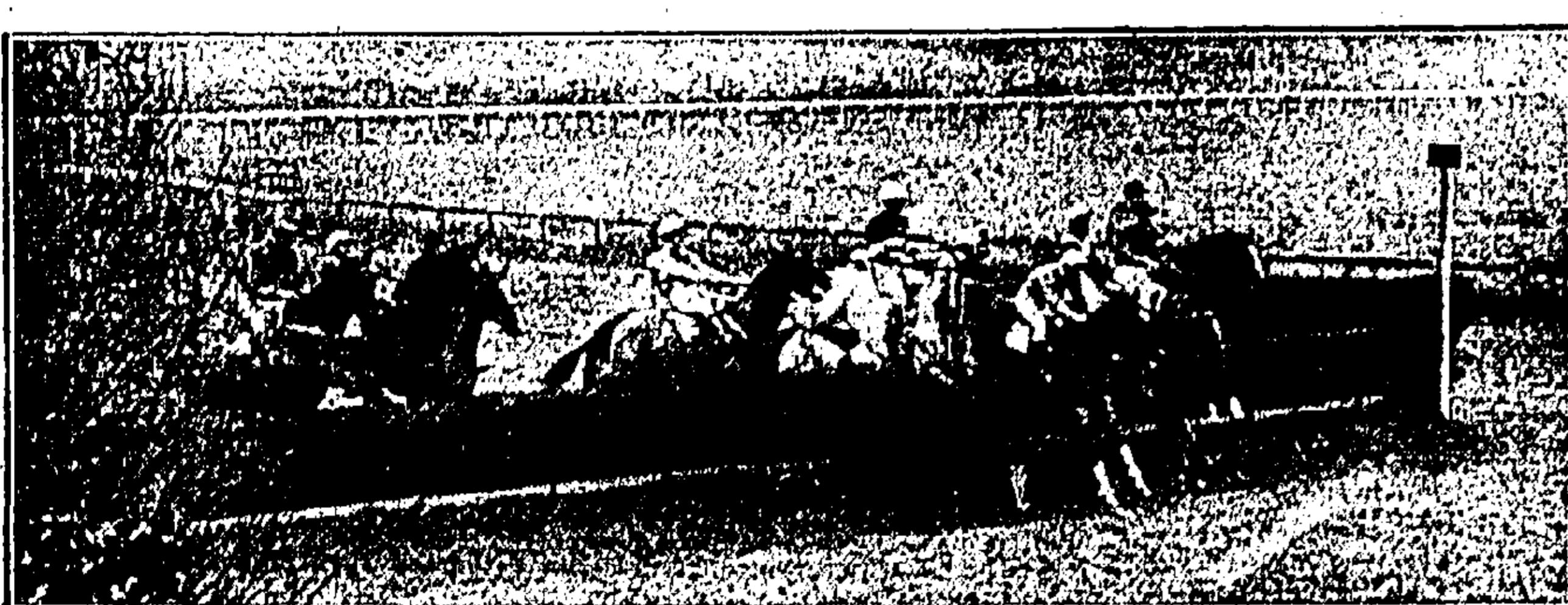
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Hongkong, 27th March, 1929.

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The second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 30th March and on Monday, 1st April, 1929, commencing at 2 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstend & Davis, at \$5 each per day up to Thursday, 28th March, 1929.

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Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

### G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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THURSDAY MARCH 28, 1929.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL.**

If we are to judge by the remarks made at the annual meeting of the Automobile Association in Shanghai, motorists there are by no means satisfied with the traffic control exercised in the Settlement. The most dangerous menace of all, according to Mr. Gordon Lowder, who presided at the meeting, is faulty traffic direction, and he added that the constables entrusted with this work are not efficient in their duties. The need of expert training was stressed, and it was further stated that numerous infringements of regulations occur daily under the very eyes of the police, which are never reported, so that the culprit gets off scot-free. Needless obstructions on footpaths, forcing pedestrians into the roadway and thereby adding to the danger to life and limb, were also complained of. So strongly does the Association feel on the subject, that it is intended to press for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the whole question of traffic control, and a detailed report is being prepared, with recommendations, which will be presented to the Commission if and when it sits.

Hongkong's traffic problems are, of course, not nearly so big as Shanghai's. In the Northern settlement, there is such a rush of pedestrian and vehicular traffic that the most elaborate arrangements have to be made for its control. Here the position is much simpler, although there are centres where the congestion is almost chronic. Some of Shanghai's complaints could be re-echoed here, although it must be conceded that by degrees the control of our traffic is improving. There are, however, some spots which appear to defy both the regulations system as well as those who operate it. Garden Road is a notable example, for despite all that has been done in the way of experimenting, this is still one of the danger spots of the Colony. Traffic tangles are frequent there, and the same can be said to a lesser extent of a few other points. On the whole, the police on traffic duty are, we are informed by motorists, fairly efficient, although every now and again a constable is encountered who is more stupid than the majority. The trouble with some of the men is that they apparently know little, if anything, of what the driving

of a motor-car means; did they possess this knowledge by actual experience they would in all likelihood render better service. Such matters as holding up a car going uphill in favour of another coming down, beckoning a car to come on when the signal is against it, failure to signal with absolute distinctness, etc., are some of the complaints made against the traffic police. It has, in fairness, to be added that the huge number of motor vehicles using the restricted roads on the island makes the task of our traffic controllers by no means easy, and we think it will be generally agreed that, as a body, the traffic police are becoming increasingly efficient. Possibly there is a tendency on the part of motorists to magnify the faults of individual constables and to overlook the general standard of excellence maintained. It is, perhaps, human nature to note defects and to pass over good work which calls for no comment.

There is one point in the business centre which is often the scene of unnecessary traffic tangles—the junction of Wyndham Street and Queen's Road. Here the chaff coolies rush down the hill into the main thoroughfare on the least sign of a probable fare, causing absolute confusion to which the police seldom, if ever, pay the least attention. Private rickshas are also often permitted to stand on the pavement in front of Asiatic Building, forcing pedestrians on to the street. We suggest that if a sharp eye were kept on this point, something like order might be evolved out of the chaos which so often prevails.

Factory Conditions.

Hongkong is no exception to the rule which applies wherever the Union Jack flies aloft, in that we pride ourselves on the general excellence of factory conditions in the Colony. It is one of the guiding principles of British colonial administration which is admired even by Britain's keenest critics that, having brought our subjects to an understanding of British justice and the amount they are expected to contribute to the cost of administration, we soon turn to the expense of the proprietors, and heavy penalties are imposed in default. We have been rather surprised, however, to learn in the course of a case brought under the Ordinance governing local factories, that no power is granted to close down premises where serious dangers exist. The culprit was the proprietor of a felt hat manufactory, and the prosecution charged him with failure to provide a fence for machinery belts, asking for the imposition of the maximum penalty, which was done. This, however, seemed to be a minor point. The prosecution stated that Government officials made a surprise visit to the premises, which consist of a series of Chinese tenement houses converted into a factory, and "found them in an appalling state." To use the words of the officer in charge of the case, "the entire building simply vibrated and no precautionary measures had been taken to ensure the safety of the employees." Later on, it was said that the factory was a public nuisance and should be closed down, but it was added, the Ordinance did not empower such steps and the Magistrate was not in a position to make any order to that effect. If there has been no exaggeration, if an accurate description of the state of affairs has been given, we must confess to astonishment that the authorities find their hands tied. We are inclined to the view, however, that somewhere in our voluminous Ordinances, the power to close down premises in the condition described must exist, and if steps are not taken to rectify matters, the power should be exercised.

In connexion with the murder of an Indian, named Haricharan Singh, which took place on the Keswick Road, Shanghai, between the 6th and 7th Inst., a notification has been received by the police authorities here that the reward of \$1,000 recently offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the author of the crime has been doubled.

A Japanese named Tajima was fined \$5, or seven days' hard labour, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of being found drunk and incapable. In reply to his Worship as to whether the defendant was obstreperous, Sergeant Barnfield said he was found lying on the roadway and was very quiet. The defendant, it was stated, had been before the Court on several previous occasions.

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**DAY BY DAY.**

ALL GIRLS ARE ALIKE EXCEPT THIS ONE YOU HAPPEN TO BE ENGAGED TO.—*Baillie Reynolds.*

H.M.S. *Bluebell* has left Singapore for Port Swettenham.

H.M.S. *Cumberland* has arrived at Nanking from Hongkong.

H.M.S. ships *Stirling* and *Storm* have arrived here from Amoy.

H.M.S. *Kent*, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, has left Shanghai for Hongkong.

The U.S. gunboat *Tutuila* is still aground on the Yangtze. H.M.S. *Tern* is now alongside her.

There will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* to-morrow (Good Friday). The next publication will be on Saturday.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows three cases of small-pox (one British and two Chinese), and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.) will deliver an address at the speech day of the Diocesan Boys' School on Saturday, April 13.

The Clover Flower Shop is showing a special collection of cut flowers and pot plants for Easter. The shop will be open on Saturday for those who wish to make purchases on that day.

The Peking Society of Natural History has elected Mr. A. H. Crook of Hongkong as a Fellow in recognition of keen interest and meritorious research work in the field of natural history in China.

In imposing a fine of \$2 on a Chinese who was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the road, his Worship remarked that there was too much disregard of this regulation. He himself saw it every time he rode in a bus.

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In reply to his Worship, who asked why he persisted in returning after being banished four times, the man complained that the police did not leave him to his choice of destination, and instead of sending him to Shanghai, which was his native place, deported him to some other place.

Nottingham man—I have not a son now—he is married.

It's a miserly man who won't pay another a compliment.

Italian witness at Clydeside—

It's a serious thing to get murdered in your own house.

Policeman at Glasgow—This man was walking in front of trams and bawling and shouting.

Magistrate—And could none of them hit him?

Chairman at Feltham—You must prove that your husband has failed to maintain you.

Wife—Well he has not bought me a pair of shoes since we were married thirteen years ago. Is not that enough?

More schoolboy bowlers:

Our school is ventilated with hot currants.

A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.

When there is a parasite in the aeroplane the pilot is not afraid to jump out.

An optician is a cheerful eye specialist. A Patrician is an Irish nobleman.

All Scotchmen wear quilts.

"The Last Rose of Summer" was written by the man who wrote "Caller Herring."

Wolfe said he would rather write an elegy in a country churchyard than fight the battle of Quebec.

**STOLEN WATCH AND CHAIN.**

**FALLS FROM LEG OF TROUSERS.**

A gold watch and chain were produced as the subject of a charge of unlawful possession brought against an unemployed Chinese before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was originally charged with larceny as well, but the more serious count was later dropped by the police.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys told his Worship that at 4.30 a.m. yesterday the alarm was raised on board the a.s. President Jefferson that a theft had been committed.

**THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.**

**Big Variety of Topical Pictures.**

Saturday's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement will again contain a wide variety of pictures of topical interest, covering the main happenings of the current week.

There will be quite a batch of illustrations of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Inspection, showing H.E. the Governor keenly interested in the display, making presentations and inspecting the Corps, as well as the stretcher-bearers.

Of sporting events, there will be pictures of the University and Queen's College sports, the Club v. Army Rugby football match, the A.P.C. and Union Insurance Mess cricket teams and the Failling Hunt Grand National Meeting.

The weddings of Mr. J. Moodie and Miss Anne Toller, as well as of Lieut. Agutierre and Miss Hogg (at Shameen) will be illustrated, whilst other pictures will include the departure of the Queen's Regiment, the tombstone erected by the Hongkong Government to the memory of Mr. H. Conway, who was killed by West River pirates last year, and the officers and men of H.M. submarine L20.

While the Judge sentenced Michael Devaney, 67, to 18 months' hard labour at Oxford, he composed the following poem and recited it in court just after the sentence was passed:

"My name is Michael Devaney,  
of no fixed abode.  
Sometimes I'm in prison, sometimes on the road;  
But, never mind, in I go, whether I'm old or young.

For I need not shout, I can't get out till every day is done.

That is the place the older my face and makes it look so pale.

In I go, yes, in I go, for 18 months in Oxford goal."

At least Michael spared us the agony of listening to another Prisoner's Song and prepared a poem.

A certain gentleman wished to take golf lessons, but did not want to confess he had never played before. Attended by the professional and a caddie, he went out for his first lesson.

"Have you played before, sir?" asked the professional.

"Oh, yes, often, but I'm rusty at present."

"Very well, sir, take your stance for a start."

The beginner looked at his caddie and said, haughtily: "Boy, give me my stance."

"Lots of people who wouldn't hurt flies in their own home love to swallow in gore when they go to the theatre, says a writer.]

With the voice of a child and an eye that is mild

And a manner complacently pensive,

And a heart that would ache if a careless mistake

Made a bluebottle feel apprehensive,

When the footlights come on all his scruples are gone,

Every instinct becomes diabolical,

And the play seems a dud unless oceans of blood

Have been spilt for his innocent frolic.

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## A.S. WATSON'S HAVE GOOD YEAR.

INCREASE IN DIVIDEND AUTHORISED.

## PROVIDENT FUNDS.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of A. S. Watson and Company, Limited was held this morning at the Hongkong Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Humphreys.

The chairman referred to the improvement in the accounts over the past twelve months and drew attention to an extra one per cent. in the dividend.

## Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I would like to place on record the deep regret your general managers and Directors feel at the loss of Mr. H. P. White, who was associated with the company from April 1904 until his death, and who at all times rendered very good service to it.

The report and statement of accounts and auditors' report having been in your hands for the past eight days, I propose with your permission to take them as read.

The accounts for the financial year ending 31st October 1928, though not so good as we had hoped, show an improvement on the previous twelve months, which in turn was an improvement on the year before that. I do not doubt you will appreciate the extra one per cent. in the dividend.

This year we have made no appropriations either to the European Staff Provident Fund or the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund.

As regards the former, I made the following statement at our Annual Meeting of shareholders on 12th March, 1928:—“I trust you will approve of the proposed appropriations for the Staff Provident Fund and Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund. You are familiar with the Staff Provident Fund and the disposition of appropriations to same. It will be necessary to give contributions to this Fund for a few more years, until such time at least, as the fund is big enough to allow the senior members of the staff with over thirty years of service to retire with enough to live upon if they so desire.”

## Present Benefits.

Most of the senior members have either died or retired, and the few that remain have substantial sums to their credit in their Provident Fund Account. We therefore do not propose to ask for any special contributions, in future, from shareholders, but this will not mean, of course, that we shall not continue the half yearly contributions equal to 5% of the salaries of our staff to which the staff likewise contribute 5% of their salaries.

As regards the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund, there is an amount to credit of that Account of \$23,306.89, which we estimate will be sufficient for at least five years to come, as during the preceding six years, we have only disbursed \$10,350.72.

Turning to the accounts, our properties, with the exception of the Pak Hin Illok factory, Honam Island, stand at the same figure as last year. The increase in that item represents final payments to complete the factory and dwelling house.

## Bad Shipment.

You will have noticed we have transferred from Contingency Account to Profit and Loss Account \$12,908.76. In 1926, \$20,000 was allocated to Contingency Account to provide for loss on a very bad shipment of Aerated Water bottles from the Dominion Glass Company of Canada; the balance of \$12,908.76 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account as the losses for which this fund was created have already been borne by that Account.

Other items in the accounts do not appear to call for any special comment.

I trust you will approve of the transfer of \$50,000 to Reserve Fund, which will now stand at \$600,000 or half the issued capital of the Company.

I have no further remarks to make, Gentlemen, and I now propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented. After these have been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question in relation thereto to the best of my ability.

Mr. W. S. Bailey, according, said:—“Sir, it is very satisfactory to note that the company has continued to pay dividends regularly in spite of the very adverse conditions of the past few years, and now pays an increased dividend for the past year.”

The accounts appear to reflect credit upon the management and working of the business, which will no doubt continue to improve as trade conditions become more normal.

“I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and (Continued on Page 8.)

## POLICE RESERVIST REMANDED.

## APPEARS AGAIN ON CHARGES OF FRAUD.

## CHANGE OF LAWYER.

Cheung Sam-chong, a Police Reservist, who was remanded at the Central Magistracy on Thursday last on charges arising out of the possession of six plates with which Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes could be forged, appeared again before Major C. Wilson this morning.

At the last hearing, accused was represented by Mr. Horace Lo, but Mr. T. Murphy, the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, who is prosecuting, informed his Worship to-day that Mr. Lo had indicated that he had received no further instructions in the case.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, senior, who was in Court, then notified his Worship that he was appearing for the defence.

The prosecution asked for a week's formal remand, which the Magistrate granted.

It will be recalled that the police raided the first floor of No. 19, Shelley Street on the morning of March 20, as a result of which the defendant was arrested. In addition to a charge of possession of the plates in question, defendant stands charged with conspiring with others not in custody, to defraud.

Ball was not granted at the previous hearing.

## DEATH OF BISHOP BRENT.

## MANY YEARS' SERVICE IN PHILIPPINES.

## FINE CAREER ENDS.

A Reuter's message from New York reports the death, in Switzerland, of the Right Rev. Bishop Charles Henry Brent, D.D., who was American Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Philippines from 1901 to 1918 and has since been Bishop of Western New York.

The deceased prelate was born at Newcastle, Ontario, Canada, in 1862 being the son of the Rev. Canon Henry Brent, M.A. He was unmarried. He received his education at Public and High Schools in Newcastle, at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, and at the University of Trinity College, Toronto. He won many honours, and from 1885 to 1887 he was Undermaster at Trinity College School.

He was ordained a priest in 1887, was curate, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N.Y., 1887; St. John's the Evangelist, Boston, Mass., 1888-1891; Assistant Minister, St. Stephen's, Boston, 1891-1901; and was consecrated Bishop in 1901. He was Paddock Lecturer at the General Theological Seminary, New York, 1904; William Belden Noble Lecturer at Harvard, 1907.

Bishop Brent was a member of the Committee appointed by the Philippine Government for investigation of the opium question in the Orient, 1903-4; declined bishopric of Washington, D.C., 1908; declined Bishopric of New Jersey, 1914; was Senior Member of the American Delegation to the International Opium Commission in Shanghai, and President of the I.O.C., 1909; Chairman of the American Delegation and President of the Opium Conference at the Hague, 1911; Chief of Chaplain Service G.H.Q., A.E.F., 1918-19 (D.S. Medal, Commander Order of Leopold, C.B.); President Continuation Committee, World Conference on Faith and Order, 1920; Duff Lecturer, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, 1921; Member Board of Overseers, Harvard University; U.S. Representative to Advisory Committee on Narcotics of the League of Nations and to the Assembly of the League, 1923.

He was a voluminous writer and his publications included: With God in the World; The Consolations of the Cross; The Splendours of the Human Body; Liberty and other Sermons; Adventure for God; The Mind of Christ Jesus in the Church of the Living God; Leadership; With God in Prayer; The Sixth Sense; Presence; The Revelation of Discovery; Prisoners of Hope; A Master Builder, being the Life and Letters of Henry Yates Satterlee.

## FRENCH RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Paris, Mar. 27. With the exception of one relating to the Franciscans, the Chamber has passed all the Religious Congregation Bills authorizing missionary Orders to settle in France.—Reuter.

## MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Galli-Curci's Recital—Distractions and Interruptions—Godowsky.

[By "ALLEGRO"]

Galli-Curci had every reason to be pleased with her reception in Hongkong. Hers was a bigger "house" than that accorded to any other artist that has visited here, notwithstanding the fact that every seat except those in the gallery cost \$6. It was also an enthusiastic audience as La Argentina performed to, which is a great deal. Both these events were backed fully by the Hongkong Musical Society, members of which are very satisfied with the results of its efforts and of the increased advertising which was advocated to Mr. Strok, the impresario, some time back.

Galli-Curci gave a marvellous vocal display and must have created a demand for records of her voice among those who did not possess any before. Coloratura singing appeals to some music-lovers much more than to others; but she varied her programme so as to include several "homely" items which evidently made their appeal to a large section of the audience. One or two were really not worthy of the attention of such a great artist and any critical feelings engendered were concerned more with her selection of a programme than with the manner in which the songs were sung.

One thing is certain, after Monday night's experience Mr. Strok must bring his artists to the Theatre Royal in future. This is not meant in criticism of the Queen's Theatre as a concert hall, although its acoustics leave much to be desired, but there are a number of disturbing factors to be taken into account there which it seems impossible to eliminate. It is not an exaggeration to say that the greater part of the first part of Galli-Curci's recital was absolutely spoilt for most people by the disturbing sounds of Chinese music which found their way into the building in spite of all windows being shut. The traffic makes as much noise outside the Queen's as it does by the Theatre Royal and motor horns continually ruined some soft vocal passages. At one interval there was an energetic display of hammering in the midst of the Mozart aria; at another moment a hectic dog-fight drowned all other noises. Galli-Curci said afterwards that she had to concentrate to the utmost to carry on in some places. It is intolerable that an artist should be expected to sing under such harassing conditions and give of her best, and unfair that the public should be charged top prices and then have their entertainment spoilt. It is only right to add that the management of the Queen's were as concerned about these interruptions as the audience were.

Another thing is certain after Monday's experience. That is, that some people in this Colony will never learn "concert manners." Knowing the propensity of late-comers for trooping in the hall and searching for their seats during the singing of a song or the playing of a piece, and the ineffectiveness of letters to the papers or instructions to Chinese theatre attendants, the Hongkong Musical Society provided four posters to catch the eye of all arrivals.

## FORMAL FUNCTION AT BOGNOR.

## ARCHBISHOPS TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

## HIS MAJESTY BETTER.

London, Mar. 27. His Majesty the King held his first official ceremony since his illness at Craigwell House, Bognor, where he received the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, who swore their allegiance. Two of them sustained very slight injuries and the other escaped unharmed.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, made a special trip in order to take part in the ceremony, and he read the oath.

The King descended from his bedroom by lift, and, attended by members of his Suite, received the Premier and the Archbishops in a room on the ground floor. Mr. Baldwin formally introduced the Archbishops and administered the oaths.

The Archbishops, in glittering robes, knelt on crimson cushions and kissed the hand of His Majesty, who stood throughout the ceremony, which lasted only a few minutes. Afterwards, Mr. Baldwin and the Archbishops lunched with Her Majesty.

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## KAI TAK PLANE CRASHES.

## SLIGHT INJURIES TO TWO OCCUPANTS.

## MISHAP AT SHEK-O.

A land plane from the Kai Tak aerodrome was missing for several hours yesterday, and it is understood that the machine had crashed in the vicinity of Shek-O, the three occupants having a fortunate escape. Two of them sustained very slight injuries and the other escaped unharmed.

The machine, one of the three-seater bomber type, went up about nine o'clock yesterday morning in company with other planes and proceeded on a normal routine practice flight.

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## THE WORLD OF SPORT.

SOUTH CHINA LOSE  
TO K.O.S.B.SOMERSETS WIN GIVES THEM  
LEADERSHIP.

## SURPRISE RESULTS.

[By "Wanderer"]

The Senior League championship prospects were not clarified by yesterday's matches, in which South China lost to the Borderers, and the Somersets moved to the top by reason of a win over the Club.

The win of the Somersets came as a complete surprise, but South China's downfall was not entirely unexpected.

Three Junior matches were also played, the full list of results being:

## Senior Division.

South China	1	K.O.S.B.	2
Somersets	2	Club	1

## Junior Division.

Navy	3	S. China "B"	1
Athletic	8	Kowloon	0
R.A.	2	Eastern	1

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The Senior League table now reads:

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.				
Somersets	17	10	4	3
S. China	17	11	2	4
Athletic	16	9	5	2
Police	16	10	3	2
K.O.S.B.	16	8	3	5
Navy	17	8	1	8
Kowloon	17	5	6	6
Recreo	17	5	3	9
H.K.F.C.	18	4	5	9
R.A.	18	3	0	10
S. Units	17	0	17	13

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SOUTH CHINA'S LAPSE.

Borderers Make Great Final

Rally.

Unexpectedly bad finishing cost South China two much-required points. In mid-field they were clearly superior, the speed of their movements, both in tackling and intercepting, and in opening up the game, keeping the Borderers on tenterhooks for long periods. In front of goal, however, they seemed to lose touch, Fung King-cheong being the worst offender.

On at least three occasions after South China had equalised their first half deficit, when the whole side was all out and performing splendidly, Fung King-cheong was presented with comparatively easy chances and shot weakly by.

The Borderers deserved to win for the brilliant rally coaxed by McGlinchey from his somewhat tired players in the last five minutes. They swarmed round the South China, and Reeves, who gave his best display for many weeks, showed his mettle. Five minutes from the end, he struck the cross-bar with a terrific drive, three minutes from the end he struck the post, (Pau Ka-ping beaten on both occasions) and one and a half minutes from the end, he scored a perfect goal with a fast drive from fifteen yards' range.

I have never seen Reeves give a better display. He revealed a better knowledge of tactics than he has been given credit for, swinging the ball to his wing men with marked judgment and always pressing, on the backs. Stock, also, was in good form, his combination with Skiggs provided one of brightest things in the Borderers' exhibition.

Stock opened the scoring in the first half, with a dropping shot which Pau should have saved. Pau tried to get it with one hand when he appeared to have time to use two.

South China were in the doldrums for a sort spell, but applied very strong pressure after the interval, their equaliser being well deserved. Gardner deflected the ball past McDougall, who had darted to the right to save a fast drive by Lau Man.

The work of the South China wingers was delightful to watch, and had the inside men been in shooting form, the result would have been vastly different. The result is by no means a criterion of what is likely to happen when the sides meet again.

Both sides were well-balanced, and it was touch and go throughout. South China were the more likely-looking side because of their greater smartness on the ball. Mr. Hollands handled the game

## LAWN TENNIS.

ONLY THREE MATCHES  
PLAYED YESTERDAY.

Three matches were played in the Hongkong C.C. lawn tennis tournament yesterday, two in the "A" and one in the "B" handicaps.

The game in which chief interest was taken was that between H. V. Parker and J. G. Lawrie. The latter won the first set without the loss of a single game, but was forced to concede the second. The third he won fairly comfortably. J. Barrow defeated O. E. C. Marion in two straight sets and E. R. Price beat L. A. R. Duncan in a tie-break.

The full results are as follows:

Handicap Singles "A": J. G. Lawrie (ove 3/0) beat H. V. Parker (rec. 2/0) 4-0, 6-2; J. Barrow (rec. 3/0) beat O. E. C. Marion (ove 3/0) 6-2, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "B": E. R. Price (rec. 4/0) beat L. A. R. Duncan (ove 6/0) 6-4, 6-4.

## To-day's Matches.

The following matches are down for to-day:

Open Singles Championship: L. Goldman v Cheng Chi-wing; J. Hale v Lim Peng-chin.

Open Doubles Championship: S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v T. Honda and T. Akiyama.

Club Championship: S. E. Green v L. Forster.

Handicap Singles "B": P. J. Price (ove 2/0) v E. J. R. Mitchell (ove 6/0); E. R. Price (rec. 4/0) v A. C. I. Hawker (ove 2/0).

Handicap Mixed Doubles: A. Piercy and Mrs. Piercy (rec. 4/0) v H. V. Parker and Miss D. Stanton (ove 2/0).

## Friday's Matches.

Two matches are down for Friday, both in the Open Singles Championship. S. A. Rumjahn and J. S. MacEachran will meet for the third time and M. K. Lo will oppose H. D. Rumjahn. Both are replays.

## CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY SECONDS TO  
MEET CLUB SECONDS.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2 p.m. at Pokfulum: F. Hopioloa (Capt.) A. Baker, S. R. Karmani, H. T. Burma, A. Chan, Pook, A. A. Aziz, H. E. Adams, C. Candah, F. Fernando, A. Rodrigues and A. Normanby.

## LOCAL HOCKEY.

Owing to the fact that to-morrow is Good Friday, the hockey match arranged between the Club "A" and the University 2nd XI has been cancelled.

well, though it threatened at one period to get out of hand.

## THREE PENALTIES.

Somersets Win Unexpectedly.

No fewer than three penalties were awarded in the first half of the match between the Somersets L.I. and the Club, two against the Club. Goldman opened the scoring from a penalty, Rayson failed to convert a similar award the other way a few minutes later, and before the interval, Knapp equalised from a penalty.

The Somersets were teating one or two fresh players and there was a noticeable improvement. The Club, however, were very unlucky to go down, exerting strong pressure in the second half.

Butcher got the winning goal from a breakaway.

The Senior League matches arranged for this afternoon have been further postponed.

## Kowloon Teams.

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club 1st XI v. K.O.S.B. on Sockunpoo Ground on Saturday, kick off at 4.45 p.m.—Bills; Guest, Pile; Dowman, Easterbrook, Hast; Eastman, Hedley, Hannan, McKelvie and Miles. Reserve: Morgan.

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club 2nd XI v. R.A. on Kowloon Football Club Ground on Saturday, kick off at 3.00 p.m.—Angus; Moore, Nicholls; Seddon, Campbell, Waddington; Hutchinson, McIntyre, King, Cleary, Blacklock. Reserve: Murphy.

NANKING FORCES IN  
RETREAT.

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night, when the majority of the Kwangsi leaders were present.

It was unanimously decided to mobilise against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in consequence of his detention of Marshal Li Chai-sum. It is stated that General Li Chung-ying will probably fly to Hankow in a day or two.

Rumours have been in circulation that General Chan Ming-shu's troops, the 11th Army, were disloyal to Marshal Li Chai-sum but this is officially denied by Gen. Tang-Sai-chang, the Chief of police.—*Nan Chung Poa*.

Authoritative Denial.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. A Nanking message despatched at 4.30 p.m. states that the rumours of the death of Li Chai-sum are authoritatively denied.—*Reuters*.

## Chiang at the Front.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. It has been confirmed that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left Nanking yesterday afternoon for Pukow en route to Kukiang, in Kiangsi, on a Chinese gunboat.

He is to confer with General Chu Pei-tel in Kiangsi and will assume the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking troops on the right flank, directing some 80,000 soldiers, whilst the left flank will be entrusted to General Chu Pei-tch, who is to lead 100,000 men into Hupeh.

## A Denunciation.

Nanking, Mar. 27. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek delivered a stirring address shortly before closing the last general session of the Kuomintang Congress this afternoon.

He denounced Li Chai-sum, Li Chung-ying and Pei Ching-hu as traitors to the Party and Government. Chiang Kai-shek said he was leaving immediately for the front personally to direct the expedition against the Kwangsi faction.

At the conclusion of his speech many delegates rose and cheered and shouted "Down with the Kwangsi clique!"

Judging from his speech, Chiang Kai-shek is going to the front to-night or to-morrow morning.—*Reuters*.

A. S. WATSON'S HAVE  
GOOD YEAR.

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statement of accounts as presented.

The report and statement of accounts were passed unanimously.

The chairman proposed the re-election of The Hon. Sir Shou-ou Chow, Mr. R. E. Coxon and Mr. J. Scott Harston to the Board of Directors. This was seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves and carried unanimously.

The election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown and Mr. S. T. Butlin as auditors to the Company was passed unanimously on the proposal of Mr. F. W. Stapleton, seconded by Mr. J. D. Humphreys.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:—Mr. Henry Humphreys (Chairman), Sir Shou-ou Chow, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. R. E. Coxon (Directors), Mr. J. A. Tarrant (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, P. Wong, D. E. Clarke, J. D. Humphreys, J. M. Ayres, O. Kitchell, G. A. Lawrence, D. Wilson and J. M. Wong.

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Mr. Francis made the above statement in 1922. Interviewed again a few months ago, he recorded himself as still in the best of health. Dr.

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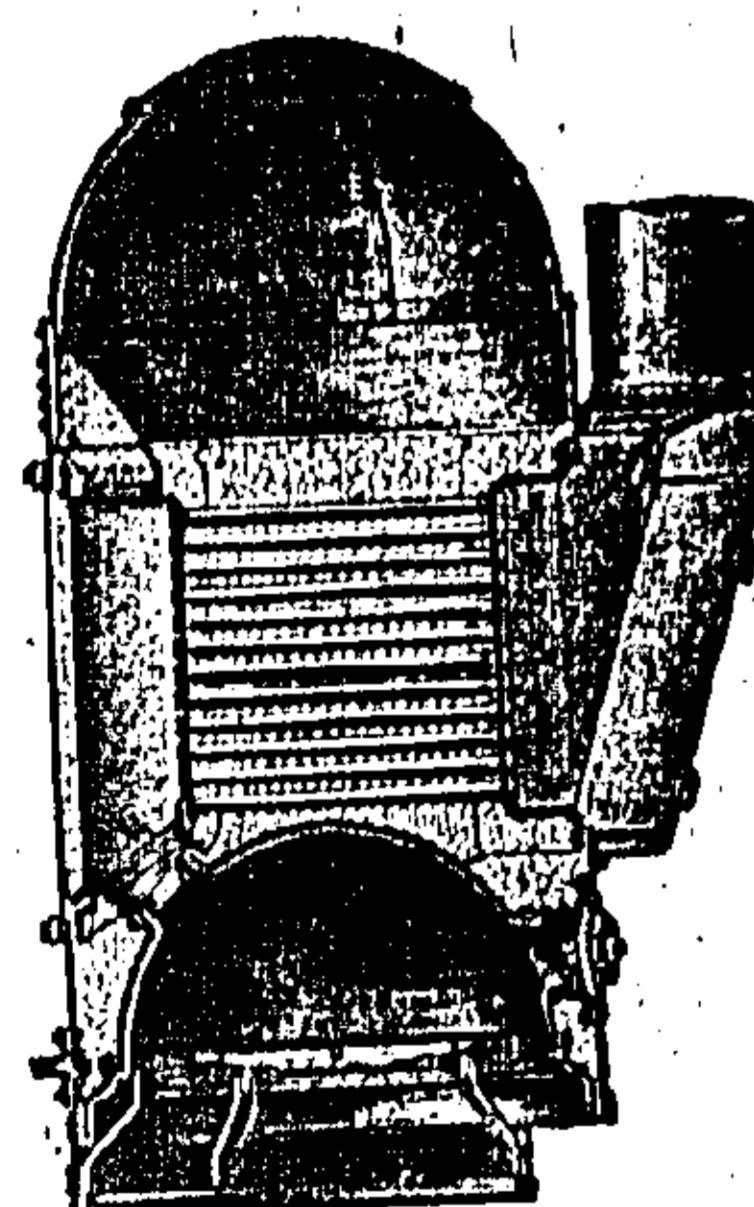


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### TREVESSA TROPHY.

#### FINE RACE WON BY S.S. HAIYANG BOAT.

The Spring race for the Trevezza Trophy was rowed yesterday afternoon, there being nine entries, and it was won for the third time by a crew from the s.s. Haiyang (Douglas Steamship Company) with Mr. Twibill as cox. Second place was obtained by the Dutch vessel, the Van Heutsz (K.P.M.), and the third to the finishing line was the s.s. Kwaihang (Jardine's).

The race was splendidly rowed and sailed, but did not produce any excitement, the first three boats in maintaining that order from the beginning with the winner holding a substantial lead from shortly after the start.

For the first time in the history of the race, last-minute entries were received, both coming from vessels which were at anchor a short distance from the starting point, Channel Rocks. These crews were from the s.s. Huiyang and the s.s. Van Heutsz and their entries were only known when it was observed that the competing boats were being lowered from the vessels. To speed up the start these entries were towed to the starting line.

One entry was disqualified because there was on board a white crew instead of an Asiatic crew, but nevertheless the men rowed the course. This was from the s.s. Oana.

The order of finishing, with the times taken to cover the course, was as follows:

1. Huiyang, Mr. Twibill (Douglas) 49.65.

2. Van Heutsz, Mr. W. F. Kraan (K.P.M.) 50.68.

3. Kwaihang, Mr. A. J. Piggott (Jardine's) 53.07.

4. Rumsang, Mr. H. Blaquier (Jardine's) 54.02.

5. Cheong Shing, Capt. D. G. Burleigh (Jardine's) 54.27.

6. Kwang Tung, Mr. E. S. Connell (B. & S.) 60.13.

7. Linan, Capt. W. J. Larmer (B. & S.) 50.60.

8. Henry Kewick, Mr. Groundwater (Kowloon Dock) 62.45.

9. Linan, Mr. G.E.M. Ramsey (B. & S.) 69.36.

The judges were Commodore R.A.S. Hill, R.N., Commodore A.L. Shields and the Hon. Mr. A.C. Hynes, Chief Yeoman of Signals. Butland was the timekeeper.

The course was—Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock (P), mark boat off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock gas buoy (P), finish at Yacht Club.

The race.

Shortly after the start the three first boats in led the rest, with Mr. Twibill's crew gradually gaining a lead, which was substantial by the time Kowloon Rock was reached. There was practically no change in the positions until approaching the mark boats, when Mr. Twibill steered a course to bring him on the inside of the mark boat. He suddenly realized his mistake and altered course. This lost him some ground, which reduced the lead a little, but on rounding the bend and making for Cust Rock buoy, the Huiyang recovered what little ground had been lost and further increased the lead. The positions of none of the first three were ever threatened, and the rest of the entries were strung out in the order in which they finished.

After the conclusion of the race, the trophy and a silver cup were presented by Commodore R.A.S. Hill, the trophy being handed to Mr. A.H. White, of the Douglas Steamship Company Limited, and the silver cup to Mr. Twibill.

In making the presentation, Commodore Hill congratulated the winning boat's crew, Mr. Twibill and the owners, after which he pointed out that of the eleven races, the Trophy had been won six times by the Douglas Company and five times by the J.C.L., which showed the keenness the race had created between the two companies. He hoped before long that other local companies would have their names inscribed on the Trophy, and thereby increase the deserved popularity of the race.

The speaker recalled that the Trevezza Trophy for merchant ships' lifeboats was presented by a member of the Yacht Club in commemoration of the courage, skill and endurance of the officers and crew of the s.s. Trevezza, with the object of fostering interest among the Mercantile Marine in the handling of ships' lifeboats.

Bravery Recalled.

The idea of the race, he continued, was to recognize in a tangible form the club members' admiration of the fine seamanship displayed by Capt. Cecil Forster, master of the s.s. Trevezza, and the splendid discipline and courage of the officers and crew in the successful launching of the boats when faced with the problem of having to leave a sinking vessel in mid-ocean on a dark night, with a gale blowing and a heavy sea, and the subsequent battle with the elements in open boats during a voyage of 1,700 miles to a port of refuge.

The race was held twice a year, in Spring and Autumn, and in order to make it a popular and successful function, the members of the club desired the co-operation of ship's officers trading to Hongkong, so that the news could be spread and crews be got into training for the next race.

After both recipients had returned thanks, Mr. White, remarked he hoped his company would be able to keep the trophy in October.

Mr. Shields thanked Commodore Hill for the interest he had taken in the race.

### CHINA AND JAPAN.

#### AGREEMENT MAY BE SIGNED TO-DAY.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. Mr. Yoshizawa is leaving for Nanking to-night.

It is expected that the Sino-Japanese Tsinan agreement will be signed on Thursday morning. Reuter.

### WARSHIP WRECKED.

#### ITALIAN DESTROYER HITS ROCKS IN FOG.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. The Italian destroyer Muggia, proceeding from Amoy to Shanghai, was wrecked on Finger Rock, in a heavy fog on Monday night.

One officer and 37 sailors were picked up by junks, while the remaining four officers and 76 sailors were taken aboard the Japanese freighter Matsumoto Maru, which is proceeding to Shanghai. The Italian cruiser Libia left Shanghai this morning to take the survivors from the junks. Reuter.

#### Disaster Follows.

Shanghai, later. Two Chinese girls are reported to be drowned, and thirty persons are missing, as a result of a collision between the Chinese-owned steamer Kangtai and the Italian cruiser Libia, outside Woosung Spit Buoy, shortly after noon to-day, following which the Kangtai sank within forty minutes.

Of 88 passengers and 40 crew aboard, many were saved by boats from the Libia and from the revenue cruiser Likin, as well as by junks. The passengers were in a panic. The Kangtai was bound from Vladivostok for Shanghai with a cargo of aspen logs. Reuter.

### CHEFOO TAKEN.

#### THE TOWN OCCUPIED.

Chefoo, Mar. 27.

It is rumoured that the reason for Liu Chen-nien's defeat was that Colonel Liang last night ordered an advance against the enemy, instead of which his troops turned round and attacked Liu's positions on the West front, thus providing a gap through which the enemy advanced.

The situation remains quiet but Chang Chung-chang's men have occupied Chefoo. It is reported that only 500 troops are permitted to enter the town at one time. A small amount of looting is reported, but the Chinese fear extensive looting to-night.

The Cornflower and Trenton have moved close inshore near the foreign quarter. Their presence is expected to have a restraining effect and prevent molestation of foreigners. Reuter.

#### Chang Enters City.

Chefoo, Mar. 27. After interviewing delegates from the Chinese Chamber, Chang Chung-chang and Chu Yu-pui are reported to have entered Chefoo this afternoon.

Several thousands of Chang Chung-chang's troops passed through Chefoo this afternoon en route to the eastward, presumably pursuing Liu Chen-nien. The pursuing troops are commanded by Li Hau-tung, who revolted against Liu Chen-nien in the beginning of February.

The troops appear moderately well armed, and are accompanied by a good number of trench mortars and machine-guns. Reuter.

### TEACHER AND PUPIL.

#### PRINCIPAL SUED FOR RETURN OF ALLEGED LOAN.

In the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Wood yesterday afternoon Wong Loong-yat claimed a sum of \$1,000, money alleged to have been lent to Young Kwei-chiu.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, of Messrs. Russ and Co., represented the plaintiff, while Mr. D. L. Strellet defended.

In outlining to the Court how the alleged loan was made Wong Loong-yat stated that he joined the Educational Institute some three years ago and studied under the defendant, then the master of the said Institute. At the beginning of 1927 he made the loan to his master, who said he was pressed for money for his own expenses.

The loan was denied entirely by the defendant who claimed that he had received only \$300 from the plaintiff sometime at the end of 1927. He accepted this in the shape of a remuneration from his pupil in return for his board.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

### INDO-CHINA FLIGHT.

#### FRENCH AIRMEN MAKING THE ATTEMPT.

Paris, Mar. 27. The airmen, Bally and Regnens, attempting a flight in the direction of Indo-China, left Paris yesterday morning, and have landed at Padua.

They will depart for Belgrade this morning. Reuter.

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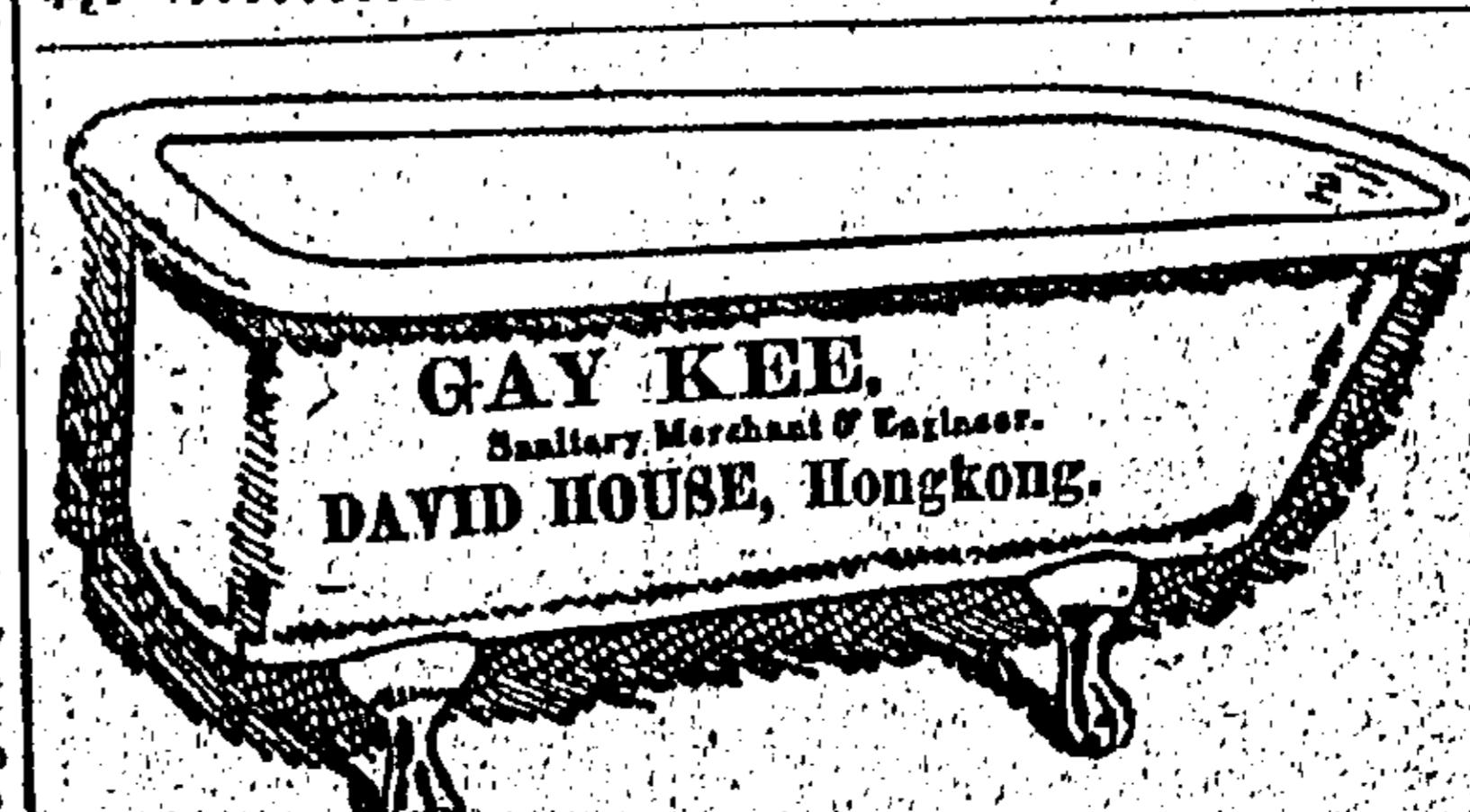
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### YAUMATI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

#### INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL.

#### JUSTIFICATION PLEA.

The sensational shooting affair in the Yaumati District on the morning of March 8 had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when the events leading to the wounding of three Chinese children and the subsequent death of one of them were recounted at a Coroner's inquest conducted by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith.

A special jury was empanelled comprising the following—Mr. J. A. Plummer (foreman), Mr. Wong Kam-fuk and Mr. Cheng Shou-yan.

Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) watched the proceedings on behalf of the Hongkong Police Force.

The Coroner, addressing the jury at the outset said: "Gentlemen, the object of this inquiry is to investigate the circumstances in which a young Chinese girl met her death." After hearing the evidence it will be your primary duty to give a finding as to what was the cause of her death. You will have a secondary duty, and that duty might be more difficult, and that will be to say whether or not you consider any blame is attached to anybody in respect of her death. I point out to you that this is not a prosecution; nobody is being tried. The object of the inquiry is simply to obtain all the information available on the subject.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, was the first witness called. He said that the girl, Wong, Mu-iai, was admitted at 11.16 a.m. on March 8. She was suffering from two bullet wounds, one an entrance wound, and the other an exit wound. The first was just below the lower jaw on the left side and the exit wound was behind the neck, slightly on the right side. Witness indicated where the two wounds were.

#### From Close Quarters.

Immediately on admission she received medical treatment and it was at once seen that there was an injury to the spinal cord as the girl was paralysed from the neck downwards. She remained in a critical condition till the early hours of the following morning when her breathing got worse and she passed away at 4 a.m. on March 9.

A post mortem examination was performed later and it was found that the bullet had passed through the spinal cord, at the level of the fifth cervical vertebra. That was the cause of death, injury causing paralysis in respiration.

She was later identified by her father and Detective Inspector Lane.

The Coroner: Did the wound give any indication of the distance from which the shot was likely to have been fired?

Witness: The fact that it went clean through suggests that it was moderately close.

#### Not a Ricochet.

Are you in a position to say what kind of shot it was? What weapon I mean?—No, I can only say as to the size of the wounds.

What roughly do you mean when you say fairly close?—I can only really say it was not within a few inches and it was not greater than... well, I should say 50 yards.

When asked if he had any questions to put to the witness the foreman of the jury said that from what the doctor had said he (the foreman) understood that the shot had taken a rather downward course.

Witness replied that he did not mean to convey that impression.

The course of the wound was level, provided the girl had been standing erect when hit.

The foreman remarked that he was thinking of the possibility of the girl having been hit by a ricochet, in which case the course of the wound would incline to be downwards.

The Coroner: There was no indication of a ricochet?

Witness: No, not in my mind.

Mr. C. H. Lamb of the Public Works Department produced copies of a plan of the vicinity between Waterloo Road and Shantung Street.

Important Police Witness.

The most important witness called was Sergeant R. L. Henderson, who recounted the events of the pursuit after a man, who was believed to have been armed. Witness said that at about 9 a.m. on March 8, he proceeded to Kowloon by the Star Ferry in company with Detective Sub-Inspector M.

Murphy, three Chinese detectives and a prisoner, named Ng Chau.

The Coroner: Would it not be better if we had evidence of what the prisoner was?

Mr. Murphy: The prisoner was alleged to have been a room boy.

The Coroner: Aren't we going to have evidence of that?

Mr. Murphy: Yes, your Worship.

The Coroner: Well, seeing that Sergeant Henderson has started we had better carry on.

Continuing, witness said that the prisoner was arrested in connection with the larceny of three revolvers from the No. 2 (Wanchai) Police Station. He had one of the weapons in his possession when apprehended. On arrival at Tsimshau Tsui.

The Coroner: I think at this stage you should tell us why you were going across the harbour.

Witness: To find the second and third revolvers.

The Coroner: You mean he had volunteered to take you...

Witness: To where the second and third revolvers were to be found.

#### "There's the Man."

Witness said that the prisoner Ng Chau took the party to King's Park and in a crevice behind a boulder one of the revolvers was recovered.

When questioned as to the whereabouts of the last weapon, the prisoner took the party to Reclamation Street and then to Pitt Street. Witness walked down the latter thoroughfare towards the east and later returned. When between Canton Road and Reclamation Street, witness saw a Chinese standing up against a hawkers stall. On seeing the Police the man ran away. At the same time the man ran away. At the same time the Police then gave chase, witness taking the lead. The fugitive ran into Reclamation Street and then to Hamilton Street, turning into a scavenging lane which leads to Dundas Street. While running, the man had his left hand on his left hip as if he had something concealed underneath his jacket.

As soon as witness turned into the scavenging lane, he saw the man bring his right hand over to his left hip and at the same time glance over his right shoulder.

The Coroner: How far were you from him then?

Witness: About 30 yards.

#### The Firing.

Continuing with his narrative witness said, "Then drew my revolver and fired two shots at the man while still running; which did not have effect. He then ran out of the scavenging lane and down Dundas Street towards the sea front. He then went into Canton Road, going towards Mongkok. While in Canton Road I fired a further two shots, but still without any effect."

The Coroner: How far was he away then?—Between 40 or 50 yards.

"He then turned out of Canton Road into Soy Street, going away from the sea, when I lost sight of him. At the time I fired my first two shots in the scavenging lane there was no person or persons ahead of him, nor did I see anyone in the vicinity. Also, when I fired my last two shots in Canton Road, there were no persons in the vicinity; all people scattered owing to the hue and cry."

On returning to the scene of the first shooting a small girl named Wong Mu-iai, aged about ten years, was found lying against a water street fountain, having been shot through the right cheek. Also a Chinese female named Leung Sui-mui, aged about 12 years, was found shot through the right arm, and a Chinese male named Tui Kam, shot through the right leg. All the injured parties were removed immediately to Ho Ho.

Wounded Children Run Home.

The Coroner: Were the three wounded lying close together?

Witness: No, not your Worship. The girl Wong Mu-iai (deceased) was lying in the roadway beside the street fountain.

Is the street fountain in the middle of the road?—No. On the edge of the pavement. The other girl and the male came along afterwards with their parents.

To this fountain?—To the fountain your Worship. When the latter two had been shot, they had run home.

Did any one else besides you fire a shot?—None that I know of.

When you fired your first, two shots how far were you from the street fountain?—The Chinese would be about 30 or 40 yards and I, myself, would be about 70 yards from the fountain.

Then when you passed the street fountain did you see any



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Replying to a question suggested by Mr. Murphy, witness said that the revolvers had been loaded when stolen from No. 2 Police Station. Both weapons recovered were fully loaded. Witness himself was not one of the owners of the stolen revolvers. Witness was the leading pursuer the whole time.

View Obscured.

The fugitive, said witness, was increasing the distance between them in the scavenging lane and in Canton Road he was gaining considerably.

Witness said that the fugitive had obscured his view of the scavenging lane beyond the man. The lane was about six or eight feet wide.

The Coroner: Now you need not answer this unless you like. Perhaps you don't know. Which shot do you think hit the girl?

Could the victim have been shot by the second two shots?

Witness: No.

Do you think they might have been hit by the first two shots?

I couldn't say, your Worship.

As far as witness knew, the fugitive did not fire any shots. When the man put his right hand to his hip witness was under the impression that he was going to draw something.

When asked what other witness would be called, Mr. Murphy said that Detective Sub-Inspector Murphy could give evidence of the felonious theft of the revolvers.

The former asked if the larceny of revolvers could be called a felony. Mr. Murphy replied that he thought the larceny was a felony, although the possession was a misdemeanour.

The Coroner asked if the evidence was being called to prove that a felony had been committed, thus justifying the Police shooting at the fugitive to effect his arrest. Mr. Murphy replied in the affirmative.

The Coroner remarked that the question need not be discussed at that period and adjourned the inquest until this afternoon.





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#### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

The following orders have been issued by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps:

1. Efficiency.—All Officers Commanding Units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1928-29.

2. Musketry.—The Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 7th April, 1929. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8 p.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 p.m.

Dress: Musketry Order 12, rifle, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches or bandoliers. Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 6th April, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 6th April, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3. Corps Rifle Meeting.

Thursday, 28th March. There will be a musketry parade at 5.30 p.m. sharp at Volunteer Headquarters for all who wish to practice rapid loading.

Monday, 8th April. All ranks parade with motor cycle at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride. Sidecar outfit will be in charge of L/Cpl. Thomas and Pte. Groome. Dress: Mufti.

The dates and order of events will be as follows:

Approximate Times of Firing.

Sunday, 31st March, 1929.  
9.00 a.m. Blake Shield.

9.00 a.m. Francis Cup.

2.00 a.m. Attack Competition.

3.30 p.m. Reserve Competition.

3.45 p.m. Jat Competition.

Monday, 1st April, 1929.

9.00 a.m. Corp. Championship.

9.00 a.m. Tyro Competition.

11.00 a.m. Musketry Competition.

Revolver Competition, Corps and all. Comers, will be fired both days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 31st March, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, 1st April, 1929.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for tiffins.

The Canteen will be in attendance.

Dress: Uniform, Musketry order.

Officers for Range Duty.

The detail of Officers on Firing Point duty during the Corps Rifle Meeting is as follows:

Sunday, 31st March: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

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Lieut. R. S. Logan.

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4. Corps Band.

The Band will parade at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd April, for Band Practice in the Lecture Room in mufti.

All ranks of the Band are particularly requested to be present.

5. M.I. and A.C. Companies.

Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 7th April. Those who have not fired on 17.2.29, are requested to attend. Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 2 above.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Friday, 29th March. Dowbiggin's Trophy.

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Thursday, 4th April, 1929. Those members who have begun M.G. Part I. will parade at 6.15 a.m. at Headquarters and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range.

All others will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Training.

7. Motor Cycle Section.

Thursday, 28th March. There will be a musketry parade at 5.30 p.m. sharp at Volunteer Headquarters for all who wish to practice rapid loading.

Monday, 8th April. All ranks parade with motor cycle at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride. Sidecar outfit will be in charge of L/Cpl. Thomas and Pte. Groome. Dress: Mufti.

8. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd April for Machine Gun Training, except those of No. 3 Section detailed for M. G. Part I. who will fall in at 6.15 p.m. and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range under Lieut. H. Owen Hughes. Dress for all overalls. Recruits will parade in mufti in the Miniature Range for musketry under Sergeant V. C. Branom, M.C.

9. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 28th March, 1929. There will be a meeting of N. C. Os at Volunteer Headquarters at 6.15 p.m. on N. C. Os should attend.

Thursday, 4th April, 1929.

Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. as under:

No. 5 Platoon and Casuals of No. 7 Platoon at Corps Headquarters for passing out in Vickers Gun Standard Tests—under Lieut. Allatair Mackenzie.

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No. 7 Platoon at Kennedy Road Range for M.G. Part I. under 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth. (Ford Truck will leave Corps Headquarters for Kennedy Road Range at 5.20 p.m.).

10. Portuguese Company.

Friday, 5th April. The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Platoon arrangements.

Recruits will parade at the Miniature Range.

Rifle Meeting. The attention of those competing in the Rifle Meeting is called to para. 8 of this week's Corps Orders re times of launches and competitions.

11. Reserve Company.

Thursday, 4th April. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

12. Promotions and Appointments.

M. Gun Company No. 8 Section.  
No. 1092 L/Cpl. Seddon, T. to be Corporal, as from 25. 3. 29.

No. 1236 L/Cpl. Edgar, S. E. to be Corporal, as from 25. 3. 29.

No. 1053 Pte. Gregory, H. A. to be L/Corporal, as from 25. 3. 29.

No. 1809 Pte. Mackay, N. A. E. to be L/Corporal, as from 25. 3. 29.

13. Reversion.

No. 1026 L/Corporal, S. J. Jex, Machine Gun Company reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 25. 3. 29.

14. Transfer.

No. 1024 Pte. S. Jex is transferred from Machine Gun Company to the Reserve Company, as from 25. 3. 29.

15. Long Service Medal.

H. Excellency. The Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to No. 64 Pte. F. Cullen of the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C. on 25. 3. 29.

16. Leave.

No. 806 Sergt. J. H. Bottomley, Corp. Signals rejoined from leave on 23rd February, 1929.

No. 655 L/Cpl. D. L. McWhirter, No. 7 Platoon, from 20. 3. 29. to 19. 12. 29.

No. 699 Spr. C. Strange, Engineer Company leave to be extended to 10. 3. 29.

No. 1424 Pte. H. M. Remedios, No. 0 Platoon, from 23. 3. 29. to 5. 4. 29.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1929.

THE HOTEL FIRE  
DISASTER.

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Officer Smith, together with one Chinese sub-officer and nine firemen, lost a minute later.

Witness said that he was awakened by the fire alarm and simultaneously he was informed on the telephone by his clerk that an alarm had come from the Hongkong Hotel. He looked out of his window before going and saw a dull red glow, such as might be caused by a motor car or cycle well alight. He ordered out a No. 12 motor pump, which left with a turntable ladder was sent out. The fire-fighters left at 8:10 a.m. Full steam was kept in the float all the time.

The station received a message showing the locality of the fire and requesting more attendance. Well Alight.

Witness left the station at 8:13 a.m. and at that time Mr. Moss had already left on his motor cycle. On arriving at the fire he saw that the third, fourth and fifth floors of King Edward Hotel were well alight. A line of hose was led into the front entrance of the hotel from a pedestal hydrant. Mr. Moss and a number of men were in Ice House Street, engaged in what witness took to be the work of laying out hoses for Kowloon Aid.

Regarding the Brigade call, witness said that Kowloon sent twelve men to assist in the fire but the two appliances were not brought over owing to the necessary lighter not being available.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that he had always suggested a vehicular ferry for the conveyance of fire appliances to and from Kowloon.

The absence of the two appliances from Kowloon made no difference to the King Edward Hotel fire, but it might have done if the spread of the fire to the Savoy was not checked. If the King Edward Hotel had collapsed, it was quite possible that the fire would have spread to Alexandra and Prince's Buildings.

In another place, witness said that for the first two or three minutes, it was not possible to get a centralised command of those engaged in fire fighting. It was quite possible that the officers on the first two appliances to arrive concentrated on saving lives rather than on checking the fire.

Witness said that he never saw anyone jump into the sheets and thought it must have been over by 8:15 a.m. at the latest.

The Coroner: Any remarks on the pressure of water?

Witness: There was a good pressure of water.

Witness continuing, said that he had not noticed any leaky hoses, and had he seen any he would certainly have had them replaced. The appliances at his disposal, said the witness, were quite adequate for dealing with the fire, so far as the fire fighting was concerned.

Witness was also asked about the feasibility and soundness of throwing ropes across to the King Edward from Prince's or Alexandra Buildings and replied that he did not consider such a step would have done any good. The people to whom the ropes might have been thrown would probably not know what to do with them, for one thing. Another thing was the difficulty of getting into position to throw the rope to the higher stories in the King Edward Hotel.

Witness then gave details of the Jumping Sheets. Immediately following this, witness noticed men holding jumping sheets for a person on a third floor verandah, who was waving something white.

Witness said that the jumping sheet was well manned. He shouted to the man above to hold on a little longer and ordered the turntable ladder to drive into position. This was done and the man (presumably an American) was rescued uninjured. Witness said that this was the man who descended from the fourth floor to the third by means of a bedsheet.

There appeared to be no other persons to be rescued, but witness gave orders that the turntable ladder be kept ready for immediate use and that three men be kept on the lookout for possible rescues.

Witness next directed the work of laying on deliveries from each side of the road. The total number of deliveries were fifteen, these being as follows: Seven from the Fire Brigade, three from the No. 1 fireboat, three from the Savoy Hotel and two from the naval tug ships.

The fire was well in hand by 6:15 a.m. and the stop message was sent out at 6:42 a.m. and Des Voeux Road was cleared for traffic at 7:30 a.m. The jumping sheets, said the witness, were in good condition.

Of the people rescued witness said that seven persons were rescued by the fire escape from the second floor in Des Voeux Road, three persons were rescued by means of the jumping sheets and two persons by means of the turntable ladders. Of those who died, two persons were burned to death on the fifth floor, two persons jumped to death into Des Voeux Road and seven received multiple injuries by jumping into the sheet.

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